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Traffic Stop Leads to the Arrest of a Felon with a Gun

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On June 3, 2012, at 9:27 p.m., SBPD Officer Daniel Garcia conducted a routine traffic stop on a silver Mercedes near the intersection of Calle Real and Highway 154. Officer Garcia stopped the vehicle because it did not have its lights on during a time of darkness and contacted the driver, Joseph Albert Roberson, age 21.

Officer Garcia returned to his police car, performed a records check on Roberson, and discovered that he was on felony probation, with search terms, for possession of a deadly weapon. Officer Kody Cardana responded to assist Officer Garcia and together they recontacted Roberson and searched his vehicle. The officers retrieved a Louis Vuitton luggage bag from the floor of Roberson's car behind the center console and saw that it contained a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol, a loaded magazine, and 500 rounds of ammunition. Also with the gun, and equally disturbing, were a black ski mask, black gloves, and a black bandana.

Roberson stated that he obtained the firearm from a friend whom he would not identify. He offered no explanation as to why he was carrying a ski mask, gloves, and bandana with the gun. Roberson was arrested and booked at Santa Barbara County Jail for the felony of being a felon in possession of a firearm and the misdemeanor of unlawful possession of ammunition, with a bail amount of \$35,000.00. Additionally, Roberson's probation officer was contacted and he placed a no-bail detainer on Roberson.



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